

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~The method according to claim 4~~ for preventing robots from browsing a Web site beyond a welcome page, said method in said Web site comprising the steps of:

receiving an initial request from an undefined originator and responding to said initial request with a challenge that prompts a response from said undefined originator; and

receiving a response from said undefined originator and checking said response to determine whether said challenge is fulfilled; and

if said challenge is fulfilled:

processing any further requests; and

if said challenge is not fulfilled:

stopping processing of any further requests, wherein said step of stopping processing of said further requests includes the further step of:

dropping or redirecting a TCP connection established with said undefined originator

logging a source IP address of said undefined originator and starting a timer,

further including steps upon receiving a new request [410] of:

checking [420] whether a source IP address of said new request matches said logged source IP address; and

if said source IP address matches said logged source IP address:

checking [430] whether said timer has expired and, if said timer is expired, resetting [40] said logged IP address; and

proceeding [450] normally with said new request; and

if said timer is not expired, dropping or redirecting said TCP connection [460];

if said source IP address does not match said logged source IP address, proceeding [450] normally with said new request and executing all the above steps with each newly received request [440].

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claim 6~~ claims 2-6 wherein:

said challenge includes prompting said undefined originator to perform a specific action [130].

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claim 6~~ claims 2-6 wherein:

said prompting is different at each subsequent access of said web site.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 7 wherein:

said prompting is different at each subsequent access of said web site.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous claim 6~~ claims 2-6 wherein:

said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options
[120].

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7 wherein:
said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options
[120].

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein:
said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options
[120].

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9 wherein:
said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options
[120].

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous~~ claim 6
~~claims 2-6~~, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said response
includes an answer to a quiz [510].

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said response
includes an answer to a quiz [510].

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz ~~{510}~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz ~~{510}~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz ~~{510}~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz ~~{510}~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz ~~{510}~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning ~~{530}~~.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning ~~{530}~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

Claims 27-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Current Amended) A computer process ~~according to claim 31, for preventing robots~~ from browsing a web site beyond a welcome page, comprising computer-executable steps of:
receiving an initial request from an undefined originator and responding to said initial request with a challenge that prompts a response from said undefined originator; and
receiving a response from said undefined originator and checking said response to determine whether said challenge is fulfilled; and
if said challenge is fulfilled:
processing any further requests; and
if said challenge is not fulfilled:
stopping processing of any further requests, wherein said step of stopping processing of said further requests includes the further step of:

dropping or redirecting a TCP connection established with said undefined
originator
logging a source IP address of said undefined originator and starting a timer,
further including computer-executable steps for:
checking [420] whether a source IP address of said new request matches said logged
source IP address; and
if said source IP address matches said logged source IP address:
checking [430] whether said timer has expired and, if said timer is expired, resetting [40]
said logged IP address; and
proceeding [450] normally with said new request; and
if said timer is not expired, dropping or redirecting said TCP connection [460];
if said source IP address does not match said logged source IP address, proceeding [450]
normally with said new request and executing all the above steps with each newly received
request [410].

33. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of claim 32~~ claims
~~28-32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to perform a specific action.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of claim 32~~ claims
~~28-32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

changing said prompting at each access of said website.

Claim 35 (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of~~ claim 32 ~~claims~~
~~28-32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of
prompted response options.

37. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-
executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of
prompted response options.

38. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-
executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of
prompted response options.

39. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer-
executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of
prompted response options.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of claim 32~~ claims 28-32, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

41. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

42. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

43. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

44. (Original) A computer process according to claim 36, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

45. (Original) A computer process according to claim 37, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

46. (Original) A computer process according to claim 38, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

47. (Original) A computer process according to claim 39, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of claim 32~~ claims 28-32, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

49. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

50. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

51. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

52. (Original) A computer process according to claim 36, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

53. (Original) A computer process according to claim 37, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

54. (Original) A computer process according to claim 38, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

55. (Original) A computer process according to claim 39, further including computer executable steps for:

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prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.